

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Families and Children's Services was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Clack, Dean, Accavitti, Hammon, Wojno, Sheen, Stahl, Hoogendyk, Palmer.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Accavitti moved to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2007 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4737 before the committee.

HB 4737 Dean Human services; children's services; requirement for parental disclosure of relatives when placing a child in a home other than that of a parent; implement.

Representative Robert Dean, sponsor of HB 4737, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Ron Hicks, Tammy Jakus, and Steve Yager of the Michigan Department of Human Services.
Stacie Bladen of the Office of Children's Ombudsman.

Bill Kandler of the Children's Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan submitted a card indicating the organization has no position on the bill at this time, but did not wish to testify.

Chair Clack offered the following amendments to HB 4737:

1. Amend page 8, line 17, after "include" by striking out "both" and inserting "**ALL**".
2. Amend page 8, line 24, by striking out all of subsection (15) and inserting:
"(C) AN ORDER THAT THE CHILD'S PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN DISCLOSE TO THE DEPARTMENT THE NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF THE CHILD'S RELATIVES. PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT THE CHILD SHALL BE PLACED WITH A RELATIVE IDENTIFIED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION. INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THIS PROCESS OF DETERMINING PLACEMENT FOR

THE CHILD AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 4A OF THE FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SERVICES ACT, 1994 PAC 203, MCL 722.954A.” and renumbering the remaining subsection.

Representative Hammon moved to adopt the amendments. **The motion prevailed 9-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Clack, Dean, Accavitti, Hammon, Wojno, Sheen, Stahl, Hoogendyk, Palmer.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Hammon moved to report HB 4737 with recommendation as amended, as substitute (H-1). **The motion prevailed 9-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Clack, Dean, Accavitti, Hammon, Wojno, Sheen, Stahl, Hoogendyk, Palmer.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Representative Brenda Clack, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk

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